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Letter dated 25 March 2011 from the Chair of the Security Council Committee established pursuant to resolution 1373 (2001) concerning counter-terrorism addressed to the President of the Security Council

Annexed hereto is the work programme for the Committee established pursuant to paragraph 6 of Security Council resolution 1373 (2001), which covers the period from 1 January to 31 December 2011 (see annex).

The activities of the Committee will proceed pursuant to the provisions of Security Council resolutions 1373 (2001), 1535 (2004), 1566 (2004), 1624 (2005), 1805 (2008) and 1963 (2010).

The Committee will continue to work with Member States on the implementation of resolution 1373 (2001), guided by the principles of cooperation, transparency, even-handedness and consistency in approach. The Committee will remain focused on monitoring and promoting the implementation by Member States of resolution 1373 (2001) and on taking practical measures to enhance the counter-terrorism capacity of States, including measures aimed at facilitating technical assistance. The Committee will also review the format of the preliminary implementation assessment in order to enhance its usefulness as a diagnostic tool. The Committee, assisted by the Executive Directorate, will organize and proceed with the preparation of a special meeting of the Committee with international, regional and subregional organizations in April 2011. The Committee will continue to pay close attention to the implementation of Security Council resolution 1624 (2005) in its dialogue with Member States. It will organize a special meeting open to the wide membership to commemorate the tenth anniversary of the adoption of resolution 1373 (2001) and the establishment of the Committee, in accordance with resolution 1963 (2010). The Committee will also continue to contribute to the implementation of the United Nations Global Counter-Terrorism Strategy.

The Counter-Terrorism Committee welcomes the support it has received from Member States, the United Nations Secretariat and international, regional and subregional organizations and appreciates the assistance of the Counter-Terrorism Committee Executive Directorate.

I should be grateful if you would have the present letter and its annex circulated as a document of the Security Council.

(*Signed*) H. S. **Puri**
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Annex

Work programme of the Counter-Terrorism Committee for the period from 1 January to 31 December 2011

I. Introduction

1. The Counter-Terrorism Committee is required to ensure the full implementation by Member States of Security Council resolution 1373 (2001), in accordance with the provisions of the resolution. The Committee is further directed to include in its dialogue with Member States their efforts to implement Security Council resolution 1624 (2005).

2. Security Council resolution 1373 (2001) and all subsequent relevant Council resolutions, presidential statements and reports of the Committee constitute the guidance for the work of the Committee and its Executive Directorate.

II. Work programme

3. The Committee will continue to pursue a more strategic and transparent approach to its work and seek to raise the visibility of its work within the wider United Nations and counter-terrorism community. In doing so, the Committee, in close consultation with the Executive Directorate and the Secretariat, will continue to streamline its working methods, as appropriate, to allow it to devote more time to achieving the priority objectives set out below.

A. Monitoring and promoting the implementation of resolution 1373 (2001)

4. The Committee and its Executive Directorate will collaborate actively with Member States to facilitate the implementation of resolution 1373 (2001).

5. The Committee will continue to consider the outstanding preliminary implementation assessments, in accordance with the revised procedures of the Committee for the stocktaking exercise with respect to progress made by Member States in the implementation of resolution 1373 (2001). It will then send the preliminary implementation assessments and the recommendations to the Member States concerned for the appropriate action.

6. The Committee will conduct a review of the stocktaking exercise with a view to identifying shortfalls and ways to improve cooperation with Member States. The Committee will also review the format of the preliminary implementation assessment in order to enhance its usefulness as a diagnostic tool, and in this regard looks forward to the Executive Directorate's proposals for revitalizing and simplifying the preliminary implementation assessment, drawing on the information now available in the technical guide.

7. The Committee will continue its discussions on thematic and regional issues proposed by the Chair on the basis of the suggestions made by the members of the Committee, the Executive Directorate and the Counter-Terrorism Implementation Task Force and will develop possible additional practical proposals aimed at facilitating the implementation of priority recommendations for the Committee's future action.

8. By 30 June 2011, the Committee will submit to the Security Council, on the basis of a report prepared by the Executive Directorate, an updated global survey on the implementation of resolution 1373 (2001), in accordance with resolution 1963 (2010).

9. In close cooperation with the Security Council Committees established pursuant to resolutions 1267 (1999) and 1540 (2004) and in accordance with its mandate, the Committee will pay special attention to Member States for which information on the implementation of resolution 1373 (2001) is lacking and discuss how best to address the issue and how to enhance dialogue with those States.

10. The Committee will also continue to consider additional ways of addressing the cases of States that do not meet the requirements of resolution 1373 (2001), with a view to increasing their cooperation and dialogue with the Committee.

11. The Committee will follow the status of preparation of visits to be undertaken from January 2011 to December 2013. The Committee will also take steps to ensure that visits conducted to States with their consent have the effect of enhancing their implementation of resolution 1373 (2001), will assess the results of such visits and will consider the appropriate follow-up action.

12. The Committee will, with the assistance of the Executive Directorate and in collaboration with the Council of Europe, organize and proceed with the preparation of a special meeting of the Committee with international, regional and subregional organizations in April 2011.

13. The Committee will organize a special meeting open to the wide membership and other relevant stakeholders to commemorate the tenth anniversary of the adoption of resolution 1373 (2001) and the establishment of the Committee, in accordance with resolution 1963 (2010).

14. In order to enhance transparency, the Chair of the Committee will continue to hold periodic informal briefings for Member States, as appropriate, on the work of the Committee. In addition, the Chair will request the Executive Directorate, in close cooperation with relevant members of the Counter-Terrorism Implementation Task Force, to hold periodic briefings for Member States on thematic and regional aspects of resolutions 1373 (2001) and 1624 (2005).

15. The Committee continues to call for the closest possible cooperation among the expert groups of the three Security Council Committees established pursuant to resolutions 1267 (1999), 1373 (2001) and 1540 (2004), including, as appropriate, on information-sharing and visits, and looks forward to receiving information from the Executive Directorate on the implementation of common strategies.

B. Facilitating technical assistance to States

16. The Committee will pay close attention to strengthening the role of the Counter-Terrorism Executive Directorate in facilitating technical assistance for the implementation of resolutions 1373 (2001) and 1624 (2005). In that context, the Committee will continue to look for opportunities to match current and potential donors and providers with recipients in order to enhance dialogue between the donor community and recipient countries.

17. The Committee, including through the Executive Directorate, will intensify its cooperation with relevant international, regional and subregional organizations with

a view to enhancing the capacity of Member States to fully implement resolution 1373 (2001) and facilitating the provision of technical assistance.

18. The Committee, with the contribution of the Executive Directorate and in close cooperation, as appropriate, with the support office of the Counter-Terrorism Implementation Task Force and relevant entities, as well as with other bilateral and regional assistance providers, will continue to assess technical assistance needs with a view to exploring ways of facilitating the provision of assistance to relevant Member States.

C. Maintaining dialogue with States on the implementation of Security Council resolution 1624 (2005)

19. In accordance with resolution 1963 (2010), the Committee will encourage the Executive Directorate to focus increased attention on resolution 1624 (2005) and to work with States to develop strategies aimed at preventing terrorist acts and countering the incitement of terrorist acts motivated by extremism and intolerance, in accordance with their obligations under international law, including human rights law, humanitarian law and refugee law. The Committee will continue to encourage States that have not yet submitted a report on their implementation of resolution 1624 (2005) to do so. The Committee will also consider a plan of action on the implementation of resolution 1624 (2005) and will review its implementation in due course.

20. On the basis of the reports received from States and the information gathered during its on-site visits, the Committee will pursue discussions to explore the needs of States for technical assistance in implementing resolution 1624 (2005) and facilitate the provision of such assistance, as appropriate.

21. By the end of 2011 the Committee will submit to the Security Council, on the basis of a report prepared by the Executive Directorate, a global survey on the implementation of resolution 1624 (2005) in accordance with resolution 1963 (2010).

D. Implementing the United Nations Global Counter-Terrorism Strategy

22. On the basis of the Executive Directorate's participation in the activities of the Counter-Terrorism Implementation Task Force, the Committee will continue to contribute to the implementation of the United Nations Global Counter-Terrorism Strategy.

23. The Executive Directorate will brief the Committee, on a regular basis, on its activities within the framework of its participation with the Task Force.

24. The Committee will continue its discussions on issues related to the implementation of the strategy.

III. Other

25. The Committee, in close consultation with the Executive Directorate and the Secretariat, will consider possible ways of continuing to streamline its working methods.

26. The Committee will continue its cooperation and dialogue with relevant international and regional organizations on its counter-terrorism endeavours.

Appendix

Work programme of the Counter-Terrorism Committee Executive Directorate for the period from 1 January to 31 December 2011

I. Introduction

1. The work programme of the Counter-Terrorism Committee Executive Directorate for the period from 1 January to 31 December 2011 has been prepared in accordance with the relevant provisions of the report of the Counter-Terrorism Committee on its revitalization (S/2004/124, annex) and takes into account the work programme of the Committee for the same period, as well as direction provided to it by the Security Council in its resolution 1963 (2010).

2. The Executive Directorate will continue to help the Committee to achieve its objectives in the areas defined in the Committee's work programme; to report regularly to the Committee on its work, including in its semi-annual report; and to respond to any additional requests made during the reporting period.

II. Monitoring and promoting the implementation of Security Council resolution 1373 (2001)

3. The Executive Directorate will submit to the subcommittees the outstanding files of Member States, including cover notes, draft letters and preliminary implementation assessments, for consideration and further submission to the Committee as part of its ongoing stocktaking process. The Executive Directorate will also continue its constructive dialogue with Member States, through meetings held at United Nations Headquarters, visits, workshops and videoconferences with officials in the relevant capitals, in order to inform the Committee about the implementation by Member States of elements of the relevant counter-terrorism resolutions, including updates to the preliminary implementation assessments, new counter-terrorism steps taken and updates on the facilitation of technical assistance.

4. The Executive Directorate will assist the Committee in the review of the stocktaking exercise with a view to identifying shortfalls and ways to improve cooperation with Member States. In this context, the Executive Directorate will also submit to the Committee a proposal for revising the format of the preliminary implementation assessment in order to enhance its usefulness as a diagnostic tool with the overall purpose of revitalizing and simplifying it.

5. In close cooperation with the relevant international, regional and subregional organizations and on behalf of the Committee, the Executive Directorate will prepare and conduct visits to up to 10 Member States, with their consent, as approved by the Committee. It will also continue to update the Committee on a regular basis regarding follow-up to its previous visits to Member States.

6. In accordance with resolution 1963 (2010), the Executive Directorate will, before the end of June 2011, submit an updated global survey of the implementation of resolution 1373 (2001) for the consideration of the Committee.

7. The Executive Directorate will further enhance its cooperation with the relevant United Nations bodies, including the Analytical Support and Sanctions

Monitoring Team established pursuant to Security Council resolution 1526 (2004) and the group of experts assisting the Security Council Committee established pursuant to resolution 1540 (2004), as well as with various international, regional and subregional organizations, including in the context of the Committee's visits to States. In that regard, the Executive Directorate will further extend promotion of the common strategy for the submission of responses by States that was jointly developed with the Monitoring Team and the group of experts and will continue to share information about relevant technical assistance needs.

8. The Executive Directorate, acting together with donors and other relevant partner organizations, will intensify its regional and subregional approaches to pursue initiatives already launched or planned in the areas of prevention of abuse of the non-profit sector to finance terrorism, illicit cross-border movement of cash and other bearer negotiable instruments, enhancement of the counter-terrorism capacities of police officers and prosecutors, effective border control and management and promotion of cooperation among relevant subregional entities.

9. Under the guidance of the Committee, the Executive Directorate will participate actively in and support all relevant activities under the United Nations Global Counter-Terrorism Strategy, including through active involvement in the Integrated Assistance for Countering Terrorism initiative of the Counter-Terrorism Implementation Task Force.

10. In collaboration with the Council of Europe, the Executive Directorate will assist the Committee in organizing the special meeting of the Committee with international, regional and subregional organizations to be held in Strasbourg, France, in April 2011.

11. In accordance with resolution 1963 (2010), the Executive Directorate will also assist the Committee in organizing a special meeting open to the wide membership and other relevant stakeholders to commemorate the tenth anniversary of the adoption of resolution 1373 (2001) and the establishment of the Committee.

12. The Executive Directorate will contribute to the discussions on thematic and regional issues of relevance to the Committee's work by making presentations to the Committee on issues related to the implementation of resolutions 1373 (2001) and 1624 (2005). The Executive Directorate will also continue to hold thematic and regional briefings for the wider United Nations membership, in accordance with the request of the Committee.

III. Facilitating the delivery of technical assistance to States

13. The Counter-Terrorism Committee Executive Directorate will continue to strengthen its role in facilitating technical assistance for the implementation of resolution 1373 (2001) aimed at increasing the capacities of Member States and regions in the fight against terrorism by addressing their counter-terrorism needs, in close cooperation with the Counter-Terrorism Implementation Task Force, other United Nations bodies and bilateral and multilateral assistance providers, and will continue to adopt a focused and regional approach to this work. In this regard, the Executive Directorate will continue to match identified priority needs with programmes of current and potential donors and providers in order to enhance the

capacity of Member States to counter terrorism and to strengthen the dialogue between the donor community and recipient States.

14. The Counter-Terrorism Committee Executive Directorate, in close cooperation with the Task Force, will focus increased attention on resolution 1624 (2005) in its dialogue with Member States, including by facilitating technical assistance to implement strategies, which include countering the incitement of terrorist acts motivated by extremism and intolerance.

15. The Counter-Terrorism Committee Executive Directorate will intensify its cooperation with relevant international, regional and subregional organizations with a view to enhancing the capacity of Member States to fully implement resolutions 1373 (2001) and 1624 (2005) and facilitating the provision of technical assistance.

IV. Human rights and the implementation of resolutions 1373 (2001) and 1624 (2005)

16. In accordance with the Committee's policy guidance on human rights and paragraph 10 of resolution 1963 (2010), the Executive Directorate will continue to take into account the human rights aspects of resolution 1373 (2001). This work will include contributing relevant information for inclusion in the preliminary implementation assessments, ensuring that attention is paid to relevant human rights issues in the planning and conduct of country visits, including relevant information in visit reports and promoting a consistent approach to human rights issues relevant to resolution 1373 (2001) in all its activities. The Executive Directorate will continue to liaise with the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights, the Special Rapporteur of the Human Rights Council on the promotion and protection of human rights and fundamental freedoms while countering terrorism and other human rights entities, as appropriate. It will also strengthen its analytical framework through continued participation in the working group on protecting human rights while countering terrorism.

17. With respect to resolution 1624 (2005), the Executive Directorate will continue to include the issue of implementation of the resolution in its dialogue with States and will actively encourage those States that have not yet submitted a report on their implementation of the resolution to do so. The Executive Directorate will introduce thematic discussions on resolution 1624 (2005) at Committee meetings, as appropriate, reflecting on possible approaches to promoting more effective implementation of the resolution and facilitating technical assistance. The Executive Directorate's work on resolution 1624 (2005) will take place in accordance with the Committee's guidance and will, in particular, reflect elements and objectives set out in resolution 1963 (2010). During the period, the Executive Directorate will conduct the various activities identified in the plan of action for the implementation of resolution 1624 (2005) in the light of resolution 1963 (2010) once the plan has been approved by the Committee.

18. In accordance with resolution 1963 (2010), the Executive Directorate will submit a global survey of the implementation of resolution 1624 (2005) for the consideration of the Committee before the end of 2011.

V. Counter-Terrorism Committee Executive Directorate Administration and Information Office

19. The Executive Directorate will become more actively engaged in promoting the Committee's communications strategy in order to enhance understanding of the work of the United Nations, the Committee and the Executive Directorate in the field of counter-terrorism and will be active in promoting and highlighting the special meeting of the Committee with international, regional and subregional organizations, which will be held in April 2011 in collaboration with the Council of Europe and will focus on the Committee's efforts to implement the relevant Security Council mandates and the Global Strategy.

20. The Administration and Information Office will continue to update the new website of the Committee and maintain it in all six official languages of the United Nations. The Executive Directorate will, as needed, continue to update and distribute the Committee's press kits, in hard copy and electronic format, and continue to distribute copies of the technical guide to the implementation of Security Council resolution 1373 (2001), both in hard copy, in English, and electronically, in all six languages. The 2011 global survey of the implementation of resolution 1373 (2001) and the subsequent global survey on the implementation of resolution 1624 (2005) will be distributed in hard copy, in English, and subsequently in electronic format, in the six languages.

21. The Administration and Information Office will continue to ensure that all documentation submitted to the Committee is accurate and consistent. It will also continue to circulate documents through the "document tracker" located on the secure part of the website in order to promote the effective and timely distribution of information among Member States and the Secretariat. User names and passwords will continue to be changed quarterly in order to protect the integrity of the information.

22. The Administration and Information Office will continue to upgrade the database and computer systems of the Executive Directorate, improve access for staff of the "1267 Monitoring Team" and the "1540 expert group" and work to provide access to the staff of the Counter-Terrorism Implementation Task Force and the Terrorism Prevention Branch of the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime. Sharing database information promotes greater efficiency and effectiveness in our common work, better integrates the implementation of separate mandates and avoids duplication of effort.

23. The Administration and Information Office will submit to the Controller a budget for the Executive Directorate for 2012 for consideration by the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions and the Fifth Committee of the General Assembly, and will also seek extrabudgetary funding through the recently established trust fund for the Counter-Terrorism Executive Directorate in order to secure resources for activities approved by the Committee that require financial support outside the scope of the regular budget.